State Govt. benefits to employees of Regional Rural Banks

3850. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government benefits granted under Section 17(1) of the Regional Rural Banks Act are not being implemented in the Gramin Banks of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have received representations from Andhra Pradesh Regional Rural Bank Employees' Association pointing out to specific instances of denial of benefits to R.R.B. staff as available to equivalent cadre in the State Services;

(c) whether steps are being taken by the Government to direct the R.R.B. administration in Andhra Pradesh to implement the relevant R.R.B. Act to give benefits to R.R.B. staff that are available to the State Government employees; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Andhra Pradesh R.R.Bs are not implementing the NABARD/G.O. instructions relating to staff benefits like House Building Loans, Area Manager promotions etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Section 17(1) of the Regional Rural Banks Act 1976 does not provide for automatic extension of each and every benefit available to the employees of State Government including Andhra Pradesh Government to the employees of the RRBs functioning in that State except determination by the Central Government of remuneration of Officers and other employees of RRBs with due regard to the salary structure of the employees of the State Government and local authorities of comparable level and status in the notified area.

(b) to (d) Andhra Pradesh RRBs Employees Association have in a recent representation complained about the non-extension of attender compensatory allowance of Rs. 200 per month sanctioned by the State Government for comparable post namely' E.D.O. (Ordinary) in that Government.

While Government have already determined the pay scales and other related allowances such as Dearness allowance, House Rent Allowance, Travelling Allowance, Daily Allowance etc. in pursuance of the provision of RRB Act mentioned above, the question of extention of other benefits sanctioned by State Government to its employees to the employees of RRBs is decided on merits after consultation with NABARD. Government have already extended the benefits of L.T.C. festival advance, loans for purchase of vehicles, House Building Advance etc., as per the practice obtaining in the State Government. Besides, the RRB employees are also eligible for Bonus. C.P.F. and Cash Handling Allowance etc.

Govt. have also created State Level Forum under the convenorship of Regional Officers of NABARD to sort out matters pertaining to implementation of Government decisions regarding pay, allowances and other benefits.

Quality of food items in Air Force mess, Race Course, New Delhi

3851. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2203 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether there is any agency/authority functioning in the Ministry of Defence to ensure and check the quality of food items before these are served to the Air Force men and officers from the Air-

men's Mess at IAF station, Race Course, New Delhi;

(b) if so, on how many times the quality of food items was checked by the concerned agency during the last one year; and

(c) what are the details of the reports given by the concerned agency and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The food served to airmen at Air Force Station, New Delhi is checked daily, before serving, by the Catering Supervisor, detailed for this specific duty and also by the Orderly Officer of the day. Senior Officers of Station HQrs. also carry out supervisory checks at regular intervals. No food from Airmen's Mess is served to officers.

(c) Since no deficiency etc. was noticed, no action was necessary.

Loan under Refinance Scheme by Syndicate Bank

3852. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch, Delhi are not entertaining loan applications from various category of Tiny industries under Refinance scheme of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);

(b) how many loan application Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch, Delhi have received during the last one year under refinance scheme of 'NABARD' and how many applicants have been granted loan under the scheme during this period;

(c) what are the administrative, technical or other difficulties, Syndicate Bank, Nangloi, Delhi are having for not entertaining loan application under 'NABARD' refinance scheme; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against the Syndicate Bank, Nangloi Branch in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) extends refinance assistance to eligible institutions in respect of loans granted by them for activities eligible for such refinance. Syndicate Bank has reported that its Nangloi Branch has been providing loans for various activities eligible for NABARD refinance. During the year 1987 in addition to sanctioning loans to 76 beneficiaries under the Self Employment Programme for Urban poor, it has sanctioned 20 loans to beneficiaries under the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Syndicate Bank has further reported that it has rejected only one loan in the tiny sector because, in its commercial judgement, the loan could not be sanctioned.

Benefits given to commissioned officers in public sector banks

3853. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2160 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that posts of Security Officer in State Bank of India are manned exclusively by ex-Service personnel and yet the ex-Emergency Commissioned Officer/ex-Short Service Commissioned Officers recruited to those posts are denied benefit of seniority and promotion by counting their approved military service; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those ex-ECO's/ex-SSOs who joined State Bank of India against unreserved posts have become junior in service to those of their colleagues who joined the Bank on later dates against reserved posts; if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation from affected Security Offices of the SBI praying for counting of